

Project: Real-Time Trading Platform with Order Book Matching

Scenario Overview

Build a production-grade, real-time trading web application that lets users register, securely place trades, and view a live order book and trade history. The system must handle complex order matching, real-time updates, concurrent transactions, and robust security.

To-Do List / Candidate Tasks

1. Set Up Project Infrastructure

- ☐ Initialize a monorepo with backend (FastAPI), frontend (Streamlit or React), and database (PostgreSQL/MySQL).
- ☐ Set up Docker Compose for running all services locally.
- ☐ Prepare a requirements.txt or pyproject.toml for dependencies.

2. User Management & Security

- ☐ Implement user registration and login endpoints.
- ☐ Secure authentication using JWT tokens.
- ☐ Hash passwords safely using bcrypt or passlib.
- ☐ Add role-based authorization (trader/admin).
- ☐ Enforce HTTPS (self-signed certificate for local development).
- ☐ Validate and sanitize all user inputs.

3. Order Book Engine & APIs

- ☐ Design core Python data structures for buy/sell order matching (market/limit orders).
- ☐ Implement back-end Python logic for real-time order matching and trade execution.
- ☐ Expose RESTful APIs:
 - ☐ Place new order (buy/sell).
 - ☐ Cancel order.

- ☐ List active orders and user trade history.
- ☐ Write API documentation with OpenAPI/Swagger.

4. Real-Time Data Streaming

- ☐ Create a FastAPI WebSocket endpoint for live order book and trade feed.
- ☐ Test by subscribing with a simple Python WebSocket client.

5. Frontend Dashboard

- ☐ Build a web dashboard (Streamlit, Dash, or React):
 - ☐ Show live order book, current trades, and user's personal trade history.
 - ☐ Include forms to place/cancel orders and to view notifications/alerts.
 - ☐ Authenticate users and restrict dashboard views by roles.

6. Persistence & Database Integration

- ☐ Set up PostgreSQL/MySQL with SQLAlchemy ORM.
- ☐ Store all users, orders, and trade history securely.
- ☐ Implement DB migration scripts.

7. Testing & Code Quality

- ☐ Write unit and integration tests for core logic and APIs (pytest).
- ☐ Achieve high test coverage (report in README).
- ☐ Run static analysis/formatting (black, flake8).

8. DevOps & Deployment

- ☐ Provide a working Docker Compose config for all services.
- ☐ Document setup, architecture diagram, and troubleshooting in README.
- ☐ Optional) Add GitHub Actions for CI/CD: linting, tests, deployment.

9. Bonus Enhancements

- ☐ Add API rate limiting.
- ☐ Implement front-end notifications for completed/cancelled trades.
- ☐ Propose approaches for scaling backend concurrency (summary).

Submission Checklist

- ☐ Structured and well-documented source code.
- ☐ API docs and architecture diagram (in markdown or png).
- ☐ README with tech choices, setup steps, and test coverage.
- ☐ Docker Compose file for local deployment.
- ☐ Sample demo (screenshots or video walkthrough, optional).